(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted by Government into the matter on the basis of the report of the Surveyors; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) to (d) The Surveyors who had been appointed by MMTC for their North Delhi Godown had reported against the employees and handling agent in the godown. The complaints were of a general nature except one where it was alleged that two zinc slabs were stolen. MMTC had enquired into the matter through its vigilance division and found that the two pieces alleged to have been stolen were actually lying in the godown but had got mixed up with other stacks. Since no shortage was found, question of taking any action against anyone does not arise.

Improvement of Tourism facilities at Ooty, Kodaikanal and Yercard

331. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation had requested the Central Government for improving facilities by adding 30 new boats each at Ooty, Kodaikanal and Yercard; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to late receipt of the proposal from State Government, it could not be included for financial assistance during current annual plan. However, it would be considered subject to its merit inter-se-priorities and availability of funds during next financial year.

Losses suffered by the ITDC Hotels

332. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of hotels functioning under the India Tourism Development Corporation in the country at present;

(b) whether these hotels are running on profits or losses during the last three financial years; and

(c) what procedure is adopted for the selection of the members of the Board of Directors of these hotels ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) ITDC at present owns and operates 25 hotels in the country.

(b) Profit/loss of the ITDC hotels during the last 3 years and during the current year (upto Jan. 90) is given in Annexure [*See* Appendix No. CLIII Annexnre No. 9].

(c) There is no separate Board of Directors for the hotels of ITDC. However, ITDC has a Board of Directors for the Corporation as a whole. The Directors are appointed by the Government in accordance with the Articles of Association of ITDC.

Elections to the Metropolitan Council in Delhi

333. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Com-